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In re the Application of **DiBiaso**

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For: System and Method for Automated Document Processing **TO 3600 MAIL ROOM**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

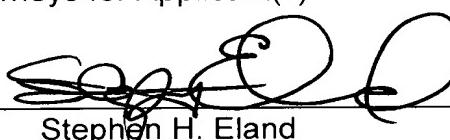
Please amend claim 14 as follows. A marked up copy of claim 14 showing the amendments is provided in Attachment A.

14. An apparatus for processing documents, comprising:  
an envelope opener operable to open envelopes containing three documents;  
an extractor operable to extract documents from the opened envelopes; and  
a singulator operable to receive three extracted documents in face-to-face  
relation and serially feed the documents along a document path.

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